

# **EXHIBIT B**

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STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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4 MARGARITO T. LOPEZ, SONIA TORRES, )  
5 KENI LOPEZ, ROSY LOPEZ, )  
5 )  
6 Plaintiffs, )  
6 )  
7 vs. ) Case No.  
7 ) 2:22-CV-07534-FLA-MAA  
8 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, JOSE ZAVALA, )  
8 JULIO QUNITANILLA, and DOES 1 through )  
9 10, inclusive, )  
9 )  
0 Defendants. )  
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13 [ CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY PORTIONS ]  
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15 REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF

16 JULIO QUINTANILLA

17 THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

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24 Jinna Grace Kim, CSR No. 14151

25 Job No.: 459255

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1 being struck with the 40-millimeter, had you heard him  
2 verbally threaten to harm anyone with your own eyes?

3 A. No. Just the radio comments of the radio call from  
4 the RTO, but me hearing him, I did not hear him.

5 Q. Did you -- and I just want to know what you,  
6 yourself saw on-scene prior to him sitting down that last  
7 time.

8 Did you ever see him trying to attack anyone with  
9 this knife?

10 A. Besides the radio call, the comments of the call,  
11 and him just harming himself, no.

12 Q. So, for example, you, yourself didn't see him  
13 chasing people or charging at them or anything like that; is  
14 that a fair statement?

15 A. That's a fair statement.

16 Q. How long do you think you were observing him as of  
17 the time he sat down towards the bottom of the steps?

18 A. It was a --

19 MS. BUSAILAH: Wait. Objection.

20 Are you referencing to at the time after he sat down  
21 or before? The question is vague as phrased.

22 BY MR. GALIPO:

23 Q. Okay. As of the time he sat down.

24 So once he sat down at the bottom of the steps after  
25 being struck with the 40-millimeter, for how long of a period

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1           Q.    You were partnered up with another officer at the  
2    time?

3           A.    With Officer Zavala, yes.

4           Q.    You were both riding in the same car?

5           A.    Yes.

6           Q.    And was that the first day you were partners with  
7    Officer Zavala, or had you been partners prior to that day?

8           A.    We were partners prior to that day.

9           Q.    How long approximately had you been partners with  
10   Officer Zavala?

11          A.    On and off approximately two years.

12          Q.    And was he driving the car that day?

13          A.    Yes, he was.

14          Q.    When you first saw Mr. Lopez, was he sitting down on  
15   the steps?

16          A.    When I first arrived on-scene, he was sitting down  
17   holding the butcher knife to his neck on the steps.

18          Q.    Did you notice at first whether he had any injuries  
19   to himself?

20          A.    I didn't observe that.

21          Q.    Did you have any specific information that anyone  
22   else had been injured at that time?

23          A.    I knew that he had chased citizens with a butcher  
24   knife, and I hoped that no citizen had got stabbed or cut,  
25   but I wasn't a 100 percent sure if a victim had, in fact,

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1    been injured by him chasing them.

2            Q.    I'm just wondering whether something was broadcast  
3    over the police radio that he had injured anyone.

4            A.    Besides him chasing someone with a butcher knife, I  
5    don't believe I heard anything else.

6            Q.    Did you have an understanding as to whether or not  
7    he lived at that residence?

8            A.    No. I didn't know where he lived at.

9            Q.    Did you know his name at the time?

10          A.    No.

11          Q.    Did you know if he had any criminal history, for  
12    example?

13          A.    I didn't know if he had criminal history.

14          Q.    Were you generally observing him from the open door  
15    of your vehicle on the passenger side?

16          A.    Yes.

17          Q.    You said in your statement, and I'm going to quote.  
18                "I knew he needed help somehow, you know, and I know  
19    he was probably going through something or he was under  
20    something."

21                Do you recall saying that in your statement?

22          A.    I do.

23          Q.    Why did you think he was going through something?

24          A.    He was going through an episode based on my training  
25    and experience. You know, people that are under the

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1 influence of some type of narcotic, you know they -- they  
2 tend to, you know, go through different old memories maybe or  
3 old incidents that they went through.

4 And so I felt that he was probably under influence  
5 of some narcotic and going through some episode.

6 Q. Did you hear him referencing God at some point?

7 A. I didn't.

8 Q. Did you see him appear to be mumbling at some  
9 point?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Talking to himself?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Could you make out any words he was saying at  
14 anytime?

15 A. No. I just saw him do you a crucifix, and that's  
16 all.

17 Q. What do you mean by the crucifix?

18 A. He did a crucifix, you know, when you kind of -- the  
19 sign of a cross?

20 Q. And when did you see him make the sign of a cross?

21 A. I want to say he did it twice. Once on top of the  
22 stairway, and then once when he was at the bottom of the  
23 stairway.

24 Q. Is that something you generally see people under the  
25 influence of narcotics do, the sign of the cross?

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1 A. Yeah. They do all types of random stuff when you're  
2 under the influence.

3 Q. Okay. I take it you've seen people do the sign of  
4 the cross even not being under the influence; is that fair?

5 A. Yeah, regular people, yes.

6 Q. Now, you were asked in your statement, you know, to  
7 describe what you observed essentially; correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And you had an attorney present for your  
10 interview?

11 A. I did.

12 Q. Do you know if you happened to have the same  
13 attorney for your interview that Officer Zavala had for  
14 his?

15 MS. BUSAILAH: Objection. Relevance.

16 BY MR. GALIPO:

17 Q. If you know.

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. It appears from your transcript that you had an  
20 attorney Leslie Wilcox.

21 Does that sound correct?

22 A. She was my attorney, yes.

23 Q. And it appears from your statement that one of the  
24 reasons that you gave for shooting him is that there was a  
25 civilian right next to him, maybe a few feet away from him on

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CERTIFIED STENOGRAPHIC SHORTHAND REPORTER

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5 I, JINNA GRACE KIM, CSR No. 14151, a Certified  
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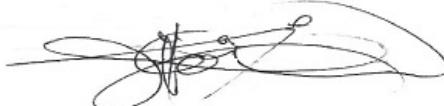
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18 interested in the action, nor a relative or employee of any  
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22 date: July 27, 2023.

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